THE NEW AVENGERS

THE TRUST
PART FOUR

PREVIOUSLY...

After the superhuman civil war, Luke Cage, Spider-Man, Wolverine and Spider-Woman went underground rather than register their identities with the government. Together with Clint Barton—now wearing the costume of Ronin—Doctor Strange, Iron Fist, and Maya Lopez, the deaf woman also known as Echo, they operate out of Doctor Strange's Sanctum Sanctorum.

Recently, during a fight in Japan, Elektra, the leader of the Hand, was killed. Upon her death, her body reverted into its true form: that of a shape-shifting Skrull, sending the Avengers into a tailspin of mistrust. While on a hunt for more information about the possible alien invasion, Wolverine discovers the plans of a mysterious villain called the Hood who is about to launch an attack on Avengers Tower, home of Tony Stark's Mighty Avengers.

Meanwhile, after a mysterious virus is dropped to Earth from a satellite, most of the citizens of New York City have turned into symbiotes. Led by Ms. Marvel and Iron Man, the Mighty Avengers enter into a battle that they may not win, especially when they have begun to transform as well…

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WE'RE GOING TO ORGANIZE.
WE'RE GOING TO WORK TOGETHER.
WE'RE GOING TO HELP EACH OTHER GET WHAT WE WANT, WHEN WE WANT IT.
BECAUSE I KNOW YOU'RE SICK OF RYKER'S AND YOU'RE SICK OF THE RAFT--
--AND YOU'RE SICK OF LIVING IN THE SHADOWS AND WONDERING WHERE THE NEXT NUT WILL COME FROM.
OR WORRYING WHICH COSTUMED @##$$ IS GOING TO BREAK DOWN YOUR DOOR AND RUIN YOUR LIFE.
BUT HERE'S THE NEW NEWS...

CAPTAIN AMERICA IS DEAD.
NICK FURY IS GONE.
THE HEROES ARE FIGHTING THE HEROES.
AND HALF OF THE HEROES ARE RUNNING FOR THEIR LIVES...
...WHILE THE *OTHER* HALF AREN'T ALLOWED TO MOVE UNLESS IRON MAN *TELLS* THEM TO.

SINCE WILSON FISK WAS PUT OUT TO PASTURE IT'S BEEN EVEN *MORE* CHAOTIC FOR GUYS LIKE US THAN IT'S *EVER* BEEN.
THERE'S NO STRUCTURE TO ANY OF IT.
I SAY WE REPLACE THAT CHAOS WITH SOMETHING NEW.
WITH US.
THE PLAN IS SIMPLE...
IF YOU'RE HAVING TROUBLE WITH S.H.I.E.L.D. OR ONE OF THE HEROES... YOU DON'T TAKE IT HEAD-ON AND END UP WHERE YOU ALWAYS END UP.

YOU COME TO *ME* AND WE MAKE A PLAN.
WE TARGET THE PROBLEM AND DESTROY IT BEFORE IT DESTROYS YOU.
WE WORK TOGETHER. WITH NUMBERS, WITH TEAM-WORK.
ALSO--NO PLAN ON THE STREET IS MADE WITHOUT CLEARING IT WITH ME SO WE DON'T GO TRIPPING OVER EACH OTHER...
NO JOB GETS DONE WITHOUT PAYING UP AND FORWARD.
IF YOU HAVE A *PROBLEM* WITH EACH OTHER, YOU COME TO ME AND WE *DEAL* WITH IT.

YOU'RE NOT PAYING FOR NOTHING.
YOU'RE PAYING FOR LEADERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION. YOU'RE PAYING FOR THE GROUP.
WHY YOU?
WHY ME WHAT?
WHY ARE YOU IN CHARGE?
WHO DIED AND LEFT YOU GODFATHER OF US?

ARE YOU KIDDING ME?
I MEAN, COME ON!!
--ABSOLUTELY NO IDEA HOW OR WHY THIS HAS HAPPENED TO THE CITY, BUT NEW YORK IS LITERALLY UNDER SIEGE BY A HORDE OF MONSTROSITIES THAT EXPERTS ARE SAYING ARE SYMBIOTIC IN NATURE.
AS THIS LIVE SECURITY CAMERA FEED SHOWS, THE AVENGERS ARE ON THE SCENE BUT STILL THE QUESTION REMAINS.
DEADLINENEWS
SYMBIOTE-RELATED MADNESS TAKES OVER NEW YORK.
LIVE

DUDE, THAT'S LIVE? LIKE RIGHT NOW?
SEE WHERE IT SAYS LIVE? THAT MEANS IT'S LIVE
THAT'S NEW YORK CITY?
DO YOU SEE WHERE IT SAYS NEW YORK CITY?
COME ON, MAN...
DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?
SOME SORT OF BIOLOGICAL ATTACK.

OPPORTUNITY.
GRAND OPPORTUNITY.
TO BE CONTINUED...